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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

The week beginning Oct. 7, has been proclaimed by President Truman as Fire Prevention Week. He has expressed the desire that every citizen assume a personal responsibility for detecting and eliminating fire hazards under his control and take all possible precautions to safe guard both lives and property from the ravages of fire".

Secretary Anderson says, "In addition to their official responsibility for protecting themselves, their fellow employees, and Department property from the danger of fire, all employees are strongly urged to protect their families and homes by diligently seeking out and eliminating all possible fire

hazards".

Ask your Bureau Safety Officer for the Safety Quiz Sheet and see how fire prevention conscious you really are!

USDA HARVEST SHOW RESULTS

In the Second Harvest Show of the Department, there was a total of 57 exhibitors who made entries of 207 exhibits of vegetables, 34 exhibits of flowers, 38 exhibits of canned fruits and vegetables and 9 exhibits of fresh fruit. In addition to these there was a special exhibit of gourds which included approximately 200 items. There was also a very informative seed exhibit and an exhibit from Beltsville of newly developed slow bolt lettuce, two different varieties of lima beans and three varieties of peppers. In addition, there was a display covering the usage of peach plums as preserves and an exhibit of types of DDT mixtures.

It is estimated that a total of 900 people visited the show the first day and approximately 500 the second day. Compared with last year there were only half as many exhibitors but almost as great variety in the types of vegetables exhibited.

Those who attended the exhibit enjoyed the colorful display. Our congratulations go to prize winners.

DEAR GIRLS,

Now that you have fired Bridget (that is, if you were ever lucky enough to hire her to start with) and have all day Saturday to really dig out those corners yourself just the way you like to have it done, why don't you pay a visit to the Free Publications Desk in the Patio and ask for FB 1834, "House Cleaning Management and Methods." It contains all kinds of "how" and "when" to do it information. It even suggests that it would be a good idea to plan a cleaning schedule and tells how a "system" lightens the burden. (Sounds just like friend husband, doesn't it?)

Also recommended are FB 1474, "Stain Removal From Fabrics - Home Methods", and a NEW PUBLICATION - just off the Press - MP 575, "Knitwear Make-Overs - Mending, Cutting, Seaming." This particular bulletin will be of particular interest to people who have small children.

Here's luck to you!

Rachel

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DEAR FELLOWS,

I saw what Rachel just wrote and I remembered that housecleaning time is usually a forcible reminder to the dear ladies, God bless 'em, that they never have enough closets and storage space. (How could they possibly do without those silly old hats and worn out dresses? They

might want to make them over sometimes!) Now here is your chance to make the dear ladies happy for at least six months or more until they have to do another major cleaning job (vicious circle, isn't it?) -- Get a copy of Farmers' Bulletin No. 1865, "Closets and Storage Spaces" in the Patio and build 'em some. Also in case anybody you know should just happen to mention that leaky faucet again you might want to pick a copy of Farmers' Bulletin 1460, "Simple Plumbing Repairs in the Home". Of course, if you can convince anybody that the repair job really isn't simple, you can always call in a real plumber--if you can get one. I am all for that but in my case the reaction sets in around the first of the month and these repair jobs appear to be amazingly simple around that time, if you know what I mean!

Yours,

Reuben

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### HORSES, HORSES, CRAZY OVER HORSES!

Horseback riding is one of the favorite activities in Washington. Now it is possible to ride at a nominal fee from stables operated by Government Service Inc. at Fort Dupont Park, S. E. Reservations can be made by calling Mr. Allwine, Hillside 0474. Other riding stables are located in various sections of the city. Check the Classified Ad Section of your Phone Directory.

ANNUAL OUTDOOR ART FAIR

Once again the President's Park will form the background for the color-splashed exhibits of local artists when the Times-Herald opens its Eighth Annual Outdoor Art Fair, October 10th through October 14th.

Locale of this year's al fresco fair, which has become an established event in the National Capital, will be in that area of President's Park bordering Fifteenth Street across from the Commerce Department, and south of the Treasury to Constitution Avenue.

The Fair is open to all artists from Washington and vicinity with no limit on media, subject matter, or number of pieces. There are no age restrictions. Special sections will be set aside for the work of Service men and women, children, art clubs and societies and schools. Registration will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Fair Grounds on October 9th.

Prizes will be awarded and announced at a brief ceremony at 8:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 10th.

FOLK AND SQUARE DANCING

Beginning Oct. 10 and continuing every other Wednesday at 8:30, Folk and Square Dancing sessions will be held at West Potomac Park Recreation Hall. Tickets are available for a single class or sessions including 9 or 17 classes. Call ext. 3105 for tickets - Sign up now if interested - Don't miss out on the fun.

BLOOD DONATIONS NEEDED FOR WALTER REED HOSPITAL

In view of the Department's excellent record in the Blood Donor Campaign, Agriculture was the first agency contacted by the Red Cross to cooperate by sending a group of employees to Walter Reed Hospital.

Although it was recently announced that the Blood Donor Program would be discontinued, it has developed that Walter Reed is in need of type "O" blood.

It is planned to take a group once a week from Agriculture to Walter Reed at 9:30 on Thursday mornings. Bureau Blood Donor Chairmen will be glad to make arrangements for employees who wish to donate blood. Miss McFadden in the Emergency Room, ext. 3281, will also make appointments.

A WEEK-END POSSIBILITY

Fall is the season when those of us who have had very little vacation this summer wish longingly for one brief respite before we settle down to a long winter of work. There are many opportunities for a pleasant week-end at places not too far distant which can be reached by car, train or bus. Information regarding these places may be obtained from your Bureau Contact Officer, D.C. Information, Re. 5819, or from Travel Bureaus. We only wish we had space to list some of the suggested places. Don't forget to check these sources.



NEW ACTIVITY ORGANIZED

The Douglas Hyde Branch of the Gaelic League, a solely cultural organization, is sponsoring a new weekly series of Irish language and other Irish cultural studies as of Tuesday, October 2, at 7:45 p.m. However, formation of study groups will continue throughout October. Classes, lectures, recitals, together with any other related events will be held in Roosevelt High School, 13th and Upshur Sts., N. W. The building is within a block of both the 14th St. and the 7th St.-Georgia Ave. streetcar lines. All interested persons are cordially invited to participate. No charge is made for attendance.

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YOUR HELP, PLEASE

The Welfare Association would like to ask that the patrons of the 5th wing cafeteria continue carrying their trays to the conveyor. The labor situation is such that it is impossible to properly staff the dining room for bus service. Incidentally, the Association also needs part time employees for dinner service. If you know of anyone who would like to earn a few extra dollars plus their dinner each evening, please have them contact Miss Summers on ext. 4231 from 12 noon to 6 p.m.

STATE SOCIETY DANCES

Col. - Oct. 6 - Wardman Park Hotel  
Fenna. - Oct. 9 - Shoreham Hotel

WANT RIDES

Mr. Tigno, Idylwood Road, West Falls Church, Va., ext. 4362  
Mrs. Loomis, Glebe Road and Arlington Ridge Road, Arlington, Va., ext. 6064  
Mr. Metcalfe, 1509 N. Kenilworth St., Arlington, Va., ext. 5467  
Miss Philips, 5705 - 14th St., N.W., ext. 3732  
Mrs. Heath, 5224 - 11th St., N., Arlington, Va., ext. 2843  
Miss Spiwak, 1319 Taylor St., N. W., ext. 2082  
Mrs. Lyons, 1617 King St., Alexandria, Va., ext. 4942  
Mr. Sartorius, 250 Farragut St., N. W., ext. 3074

AMERICAN LEGION

Agriculture Post's newly elected Officers will be installed with appropriate ceremony on October 12 at 8:30 p.m. in the Ballroom of the American Legion Clubhouse. The Officers are: Commander, John R. Bronnell; 1st Vice-Commander, Ronald B. Dozier; 2nd Vice-Commander, John Schaffer; 3d Vice-Commander, Green C. Furman; Finance Officer, Arch Pjerrou; Historian, Walter Shannon; Chaplain, Harry Kabat; Sergeant-at-Arms, William B. Murphy.

LANGUAGE CLASSES

The Walsh Club (rear of 1523 - 22nd St., N. W.) will conduct beginners' classes in Russian, Spanish and German, this fall. For further information call De. 8398 between 4 and 11 p.m.